California Freedom Flag Brigade set for July 1

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Orick CA- Another Rural Western Rally has been announced. A joint operation between The Save Orick Committee, California Beach Fisherman's' Association, California Women in Timber - N. CA Chapter, and the Blue Ribbon Coalition are hosting an event to be held in the coastal town of Orick in Northern California. Called The "Freedom Flag Brigade", Norm Carr of the Save Orick Committee told Sierra Times he expects at least 1500 people to attend this event.

For 30 years, the Redwood National Park in Northern California has continued to enact excessive regulations that are negatively affecting the small rural town of Orick. The Park recently installed iron gates on several beach roads that are used by recreational and commercial surf fishermen. These closures are also impacting wood carvers, local schools, and the town's business community.

This, the third major call to attention this year, will focus on how those Redwood National Park polices have devastated the area's economy and livelihood. "It has effected the loggers, and free camping", said Carr. He is a commercial fisherman by trade.

The July 1 event will include flags to be given to attendees, since it's so close to July 4, Independence Day. Invited speakers will include: Holly Swanson - noted author of "Set Up and Sold Out"; Barry Clausen -acclaimed author of "Burning Rage"; Jay Wally from the Paragon Foundation; John Griffith - outdoor writer on environmental and property rights issues. and county commissioner in Oregon; Helen Franklin - founder of United Coalitions for a Constitutional Government. Food and refreshments will be available. "It seems like the enthusiasm is very large", said Jay Walley of the Paragon Foundation.

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